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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: HOMELANDS ASK TO BAN SWAPO

1. JANNIE DE WET, COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF SWA, TOLD VISITING NEWSMEN IN ONDANGWA FEBRUARY 25 THAT THE NAMIBIAN HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS OF OWAMBO AND KAVANGO REQUESTED AUTHORITY LATE LAST YEAR TO BAN SWAPO. MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION M.C. BOTHA SAID IN CAPE TOWN FEBRUARY 26 THAT HE WILL INVESTIGATE THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE HOMELANDS' CONSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM SUFFICIENT POWER TO DO SO. MINISTER BOTHA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH A REQUEST HAD NOT YET BEEN CONVEYED TO HIM OFFICIALLY.

2. IN HIS MEETING WITH NEWSMEN COMMISSIONER DE WET ALSO REFERRED TO THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUFFER ZONE ALONG THE
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BORDER WITH ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HE INDICATED THAT

HE THOUGHT THAT THE CREATION OF SUCH A ZONE WAS UNLIKELY BECAUSE
OF THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS AND COSTS WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED.
DE WET ESTIMATED THAT TO ESTABLISH A FIVE KILOMETER WIDE STRIP
WOULD NECESSITATE MOVING 20,000 PEOPLE, AND THAT A TEN KILOMETER
ZONE WOULD MEAN MOVING 50,000 PEOPLE.
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